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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1985 -- New freight cars placed in service in May totaled 966, compared with 979 in April and 755 in May 1984, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Total deliveries for the first five months of the year were 4,866, compared with 3,127 for the same period last year.

Orders in May came to 593, compared with 816 in April and 1,301 in May 1984. Cumulative orders through May were 4,015, compared with 7,445 at the same time a year ago.

As of June 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 4,093, compared with 4,466 on May 1, and 5,723 on June 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 4,255, compared with 6,318 at the same point last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 58 locomotives were placed in service in May, compared with 38 in April and 16 in May 1984.

As of June 1, the backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered totaled 284, compared with 262 on May 1, and 229 on June 1, 1984.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on June 1 was 23,305, compared with 23,605 on May 1, and 25,182 on June 1, 1984.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	May		April	Five Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	896	755	979	4,460	3,127
Built New in R.R. Shops	70	0	0	406	0
Built New - Total	966	755	979	4,866	3,127
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	966	755	979	4,866	3,127
Locomotives	58	16	38	193	131

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	593	1,301	816	4,015	7,445
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	593	1,301	816	4,015	7,445
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	593	1,301	816	4,015	7,445

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	June 1		May 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	4,093	5,723	4,396	4,199	6,318
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	70	56	0
To be built New - Total	4,093	5,723	4,466	4,255	6,318
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	4,093	5,723	4,466	4,255	6,318
Locomotives	284	229	262	262	147

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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